

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15, 18-25, and 27-29 are pending. Claims 15, 18-25 and 27-29 are allowed.

Claims 1, 7, and 9 are rejected under U.S.C. § 102(b) or under 35 U.S.C. based upon US Patent No. 5,425,751 issued to Baeten in view of US Patent No. 6,360,130 issued to Duysens. Claim 1 is directed to a medical lead. The medical lead comprises an "anchor including a surface **which forms a recess** for receiving a push force from an insertion tool." Nowhere in the cited references is there an "anchor including a surface which forms a recess for receiving a push force." Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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